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his degree, if he be a graduate, and vse other the rites and ceremonies appointed by the lawes now in force, and particularly the crosse in Baptisme, the ring in marriage, and to administer the holy communion to those onely that kneele at the time of receiuing thereof?

4 Whether haue you a comely pulpit well placed in your Church, a decent table on a frame for the holy Communion, with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and some carpet or covering of silke, buckram, or such like, for the cleane keeping thereof, a faire communion cup and couer of siluer for the same, and a decent large surplesse with sleeues, one book of the whole Bible in the largest volume in English, a communion booke, the two tomes of homilies, Bishop Jewels workes in one volume as they are lately set forth and appointed: a poore mans boxe, a chest with three locks, and all other things necessarie and appointed to be had by lawfull authoritie?

*Necessaries in the Church.*

5 Whether haue you had monthly sermons at the least in your Parish Church, if the minister be no preacher licensed, and weekely if he be a licensed preacher: and whether are the homilies read when there is no sermon?

*Sermons or homilies.*

6 Whether is your Parson or Vicar knowne, or by common fame noted to haue come into his benefice by symonie, or to follow lay and secular trades and courses, thereby neglecting and leauing his calling of the ministerie or the due performance thereof?

7 Whether any person not being Deacon, is suffered to say diuine seruice in your Church, or to administer the holy Sacraments, or to marrie any persons, or to bury the dead: and whether doth any take vpon them to preach, or to serue the Cure with you, that doth not once in the yeare at the least celebrate diuine publike seruice in your Church, and administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, according to the forme of the booke of common praier?

*Preacher say seruice once a yeere.*

8 Whether your Minister though he haue a Curate, yet whether he doe himselfe twice in each yeare, on two seuerall

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all Sundaies, both forenoone and afternoone, celebrate diuine publike seruice, and as often each yeare administer the holy Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper?

Curate preacher,  
er, or a double  
benefice.

9 Whether your Parson or Vicar bee continually resident vpon his benefice: and whether he haue any more benefices or cures then one; and if he haue, whether then doth he keep such a Curate as is a preaching Minister, and lawfully licensed vpon & at that benefice, where himselfe your said parson, doth not dwell, reside, or continue?

Spoke against  
Ecclesiasticall  
gouernement.

10 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate haue publickly or otherwise spoken against the order or gouernement of the Church of England, or the booke of common praier established by law?

Prayer for the  
King.

11 Whether your Minister do vse to pray for the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by the title and style due to his Maiestie, appointed by the lawes of this Realme, and the booke of Canons lately established, and doe exhort the people to obedience to his Highnes, and other Magistrates in authoritie vnder him?

Catechize.

12 Whether your Minister doth not openly in the Church catechize such as be of conuenient age, according to the order set forth in the book of common prayer?

13 Whether hath the Minister refused or delayed to christen any child or children within your parish, which haue after died vn baptized, or refused or delaied to burie any dead corps?

Receive the  
Communion.

14 Whether all persons aboue 16. yeares of age do repaire to the church vpon Sundaies and holydaies, and whether any haue absented themselues from church, or from diuine publike seruice there celebrated, contrarie to the law; and how many seuerall times within this yeare last, & who hath so done, and whether any haue omitted to receiue the holy Communion thrice at least euerie yeare, whereof once to be at Easter, and that kneeling reuerently, as by law they are bound, and who they bee that doe not?

Church-stocks.

15 Whether doe you know any that doe withhold any stocke

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stocke of the Church, and whether any lands, goods, or chattels belonging to the Church, be vsed and employed as by law they ought to be?

16 Whether doe you knowe any common swearer, drunkard, or blasphemers, any symonaicall person, or any broker or mediator in or for symonie, any vsurer, witch, coniurer, southsaier, charmer, enquirable by the ecclesiasticall lawes, fornicatour, adulterer, incestuous person, or any that harboured incontinent persons, and caused or suffered them to depart without doing pennance, or any vehemently suspected, or by common fame noted or infamed of any such crimes?

*Fornication, &c.  
or the common  
fame.*

17 Whether any do practise Physicke or Surgerie, or any Schoolemaster doth teach, or any Curate serue the Cure within your parish, without license of his Ordinarie vnder his autenticke seale or no?

*Physician or  
Schoolemaster  
vnlicensed.*

18 Whether doe you know any that obstinately defend heresies, schismes, or false doctrine?

*Defend heresies*

19 Whether doe you knowe any person excommunicated within your parish, doth your Minister denounce him, and all other excommunicated persons every halfe yeere in your parish Church or Chappell, besides the first denouncing of them, and whether doth any such excommunicate person repaire to the Church to diuine seruice or sermons: and whether any in your parish doe keep companie with, or set on worke such excommunicate persons, and what be their names that doe so?

*Obstinate ex-  
communicates,  
and that keepe  
companie with  
them.*

20 Whether your Church or chancell, and the steeple, bells, seates, leads, pauement, glaswindowes, roofe, or wals of the same, or the parsonage or vicaridge houses be ruinous or decayed, and whose default, and whether is your churchyard cleanly kept, and the wals and mownds of your churchyard in good and sufficient repaire?

*Church decayed*

21 Whether doe you knowe of any that vse conuenticles or meetings for expounding of Scriptures, or saying of prayers in priuate houses or places.

*Conuenticles.*

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Recusants.

22 Whether you know within your Parish, any receivers of lesnites, seminarie or massing Priests, or any other fugitive persons, or reconciled to the Church of Rome, & what be the names and surnames of all recusants or halfe recusants that come not to church to diuine seruice, or if they doe, that yet doe not receiue the holy Communion as by law they ought.

Penance not done.

23 Whether doe you know any person within your parish ordered by law to doe penance, or excommunicate for not doing the same, that hath omitted or escaped from doing the same, or that hauing done penance, doth still continue in, or againe commit his former sin, or the like?

Unlawfull marriage.

24 Whether you haue any in your parish married within the degrees of consanguinitie or affinitie forbidden by the law, or haue bin married without the publike asking of banes thrice there, or being contracted, doe there liue suspiciously without marriage?

Violence in the Church, or profaners of the Sabbath, rash administrators.

25 Whether any haue quarrelled, brawled, fought, or vsed violence in your Church or churchyard, or haue kept open their shop windowes or doores, or sold or bought any wares vpon the Sabbath day, or haue receiued any into their houses to eat, drinke, or play in the time of sermon, or diuine seruice, or haue administred vpon the goods of the dead without authoritie from the Ordinary, or that detain any legacies giuen to the poore, or to godly vses?

Register books.

26 Whether the Register booke of marriages, christenings, and burials within your parish be made of parchment, and bee kept ready, and subscribed euery Sabbath day, and other things concerning the same be obserued, according to the late Canons made and established by authoritie in that behalfe?

Perambulation.

27 Whether in your Rogation weeke the perambulation of your parish hath been gone euery yeere as by lawe it ought, or in whose default it hath not?

Kneeling at the Commandments.

28 Whether any in your parish haue couered his head in the time of diuine seruice, contrarie to the 18. Canon, any that



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that doe not kneele at the saying of the generall confession, letanie, tenne Commandements, and other praiers read in your said Church, any that doe not stand vp at the saying of the Beleeefe, or not bow and vse reuerence, when in the time of diuine seruice the name of Iesus is read or mentioned?

29 Whether any come late or negligently to Church to publike praiers, or depart before diuine seruice or sermon is ended?

*Comming negligently or late to Church. For the keeping the 5. of August. Women not churchd.*

30 Whether the 5. of August and the 5. of Nouemb. be obserued according as is ordained in that behalfe?

31 Whether any married women deliuered of childe, that haue not been churchd, or made publike thanksgiuing according to law?

*Deferring of marriage.*

32 Whether any that be contracted in marriage do deferre the solemnization thereof, or any that be married that do liue a part or not together, as by law they ought?

33 Whether haue your old Churchwardens, or any before them omitted to make a true and perfect account to the Parish of their said office, haue they concealed or omitted any offences presentable and punishable by the Ecclesiasticall lawes, or the common fame of them, haue you a booke wherein the names of all stranger-preachers that preach in your parish are registred or written, and is it kept, and vsed, and subscribed according to the law in that behalfe?

*Omission of the old churchwardens account.*

34 Whether do you know any other matter worthy of presentment aboue not expressed yea or no, which you shall likewise present by vertue of your oathes, with the names and surnames of all such as haue in them or any of them offended, or by common fame so thought to haue offended?

*Other things presentable.*

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